



COPY OF PAPERS
ORIGINALLY FILED

RECEIVED

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE
IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE U.S. POSTAL MAR 28 2002
SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE
ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR
PATENTS, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231, ON

March 7, 2002

Amrita J. Gato 3-7-02
SIGNATURE DATE

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Thomas R. St. Myer
Serial No. : 09/684,729
Filing Date : October 6, 2000
For : STEERING COLUMN WITH
IMPROVED HOUSING
Group Art Unit : 3682
Examiner : T. McAnulty
Attorney Docket No. : TRW(RG)4902

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 7, 2001,
please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1 and 8, as follows:

1. (Amended) A vehicle steering column comprising:
- an axially extending input shaft for connecting to a
vehicle steering wheel, the input shaft being rotatable about
an axis upon rotation of the steering wheel;
- a housing at least partially enclosing the input
shaft;